

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

LEONARD WINFREY,

Plaintiff,

v.

MELISSA MITCHELL, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00101-MMD-CLB

ORDER

This action began with a pro se civil-rights complaint filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has applied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 4, 8). Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court entered a screening order on November 15, 2024. (ECF No. 13). The screening order imposed a 90-day stay and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 13, 17). A settlement was not reached at the mediation conference. (ECF No. 19). For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF Nos. 4, 8) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff will not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. And he is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without prepaying additional fees or costs or giving security for them. But in the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

2. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, the Nevada Department of Corrections will forward payments from the account of **Leonard A. Winfrey, #0048467**, to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits (in months that the account exceeds \$10) until the full \$350 filing fee has been paid for this action. The Clerk of the Court will send a copy of this order to the Finance Division of the

1 Clerk's Office and the attention of **Chief of Inmate Services for the Nevada Department**
2 **of Corrections** at formapauperis@doc.nv.gov.

3 3. The Clerk of the Court will electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and a
4 copy of Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 14) on the Office of the Attorney General of the
5 State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket
6 sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

7 4. Service must be perfected within 90 days from the entry date of this order
8 under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m).

9 5. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 13), within 21 days
10 of the entry date of this order, the Attorney General's Office will file a notice advising the
11 Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it accepts service; (b) the
12 names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service, and (c) the names of the
13 defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address information under seal. As to any
14 of the named defendants for whom the Attorney General's Office cannot accept service,
15 the Office will file, under seal, but will not serve the inmate Plaintiff the last known
16 address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such information. If the last known
17 address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney General's Office will attempt
18 to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

19 6. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff
20 will file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a
21 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the
22 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address
23 information, Plaintiff will provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

24 7. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named
25 defendant(s), such defendant(s) will file and serve an answer or other response to the
26 complaint (ECF No. 14) within 60 days from the date of this order.

27 8. Plaintiff will serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been entered

1 by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other document
2 submitted for consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files a document with
3 the Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is required. Fed. R. Civ. P.
4 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. Loc. R. IC 4-1(b); Nev. Loc. R. 5-1. But if Plaintiff mails the document to
5 the Court, Plaintiff will include with it a certificate stating the date that a true and correct
6 copy of the document was mailed to the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If
7 counsel has entered a notice of appearance, Plaintiff will direct service to the individual
8 attorney named in the notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated
9 therein. The Court may disregard any document received by a district judge or magistrate
10 judge that has not been filed with the Clerk or fails to include a certificate showing proper
11 service when required.

12 9. This case is no longer stayed.

13 DATED: April 9, 2025

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16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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